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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMS SALES TO MOROCCO - LOCAL PRESS TREATMENT

REF: A. RABAT 1171 (NOTAL), B. RABAT 1184 (NOTAL),

C. RABAT 1255 (NOTAL)

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1. ALL LOCAL PAPERS EXCEPT COMMUNIST ONE REPORT ON NYT FEB 28 ARTICLE ON MOROCCAN ARMS SALES AND DEPT. SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS. MOROCCAN WIRE SERVICE MAP CARRIED REUTERS REPORT, WHICH PRESS PICKED UP, STATING THAT "SPOKESMAN DENIED TUESDAY THAT U.S. HAD POSTPONED INDEFINITELY PLANS TO SELL PLANES TO MOROCCO." PRESS TAKES UP-BEAT VIEW OF REPORT; MAROC SOIR HEADLINES "U.S. PLANES FOR MOROCCO"; LE MATIN, "THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS IN CONSULTATION."

2. MAP ALSO REPRINTED TEXT OF STEPHEN HUGHES LETTER TO INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE (REFS A AND B) REFUTING TIMES EDIT. "WRONG COIN FOR MOROCCO, "WHICH WAS PICKED UP BY FOUR PAPERS (TWO PRO-GOVERNMENT, TWO ISTIQLAL). AS HUGHES IS RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT FOR REUTERS, PAPERS REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS LETTER AS "A REUTERS CORRECTION" OF THE IHT, ALTHOUGH LETTER AS PRINTED IN IHT DID NOT INDICATE HIS AFFILIATION.

3. IN ONLY COMMENT THUS FAR, USFP'S MUHARRIR IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL WARNS READERS "DON'T EXPECT AMERICA TO SUPPLY ARMS TO ANYONE UNLESS IT IS IN HER OWN STRATEGIC INTERESTS." WRITER CONTINUES ASKING "HOW CAN U.S. HAVE RECOGNIZED THE MADRID TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, BUT WILL NOT COME TO THE SUPPORT

OF MOROCCO IN WESTERN SAHARA?" THE ANSWER, HE SAYS, IS
OBVIOUS - THE AMERICAN PURCHASES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM
ALGERIA AND HEAVY AMERICAN INVESTMENTS. "WHO ARE THE REAL
IMPERIALISTS; . . . A GLANCE AT THE BALANCE OF TRADE IN
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WILL GIVE YOU THE ANSWER."
4. ALL OF ABOVE CLEARLY PREDATED VELIOTES TESTIMONY TO HIRC.
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